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"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen"

(Matthew 28:19, 20)

O.A.R.B.C. Conference

The Annual OARBC Conference held October 14-16 at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church proved a blessing to all. Host pastor, Dr. Wilbur C. Rooke and his people went "all out" to make our stay a most pleasant one. The services were well attended. The preaching was with great power!

Reports were presented by Rev. Darrell Bice, Secretary; Mr. David Dye, Treasurer; Rev. Earl Umbaugh, State Missionary; Rev. Donald Moffat, Editor of The Ohio Independent Baptist; Rev. Lynn Rogers, Youth Director (presenting the work at Camp Patmos); Rev. Harold Greene (presenting the work at Scioto Hills) and Mrs. Verne L. Dunham, Secretary of the Women's Missionary Union.

Four new churches were received into our OARBC fellowship. They are the Open Door Baptist Church, Spencerville; the Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Dayton; the Grace Baptist Church, London and the Sunshine Baptist Church, Cambridge. Our OARBC now has a total of 168 churches.

Program Chairman, Rev. Donald Sewell, is to be commended for setting up such an excellent program. Dr. Elgena's messages, as well as every other speaker's, were soul inspiring.

As a special treat, we were privileged to hear Rev. Pedro Angkahan of the Philippine Islands tell of how he had been led to Christ many years ago through the ministry of an A.B.W.E. missionary. Eyes were moist with tears as we saw the result of faithful missionary endeavor. (We hope in our December issue to print a picture of Brother Angkahan.)

The ladies had their special missionary service on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Karl Luyben was their guest speaker. (A more detailed report of this meeting will appear in next month's issue on our Women's page.)

Newly elected to our Council of Ten are Rev. Dean Henry, Brown Street Baptist Church, Akron; Rev. Kenneth Smelser, First Baptist Church, Medina and Rev. Earl Willetts, Berean Baptist Church, Berea.

The names of our present Council of Ten showing their street addresses and offices held on the Council are listed in the lower right hand column of this page. Rev. Kenneth Andrus of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield was elected to serve as Youth Director. He, however, is not a member of our Council of Ten.

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On Our Front Cover

Baptist Mid-Missions held its 21st Candidate Seminar on the campus of Cedarville College this past summer. The 46 missionary candidates present represented an interest in five continents. Over half of these were volunteers for general missionary work, specializing in soulwinning and church planting. The others, in addition to the work of evangelism, will be printing, teaching missionary children in elementary and high schools, teaching in seminaries and Bible schools, filling and extracting teeth, performing surgery in mission hospitals, translating Scriptures, and flying mission planes.

The Seminar is designed to better prepare these young people for the mission field by acquainting them with some of the problems and privileges they will be experiencing. Some of the subjects covered were anthropology, linguistics, cultural shock, prayer letters, housekeeping on the mission field, missionary health, photography, and Christian psychology. Considerable time was given to the structure and policies of Baptist Mid-Missions and methods by which the missionary, local church, and mission can work together effectively in fulfilling the great commission.

These young people are now engaged in deputation work and will be leaving for their fields just as soon as they have the minimum support. Baptist Mid-Missions now has over 800 missionaries working in 28 different countries.

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Excellent Principles For Running A Church

Recently I was handed a booklet that is distributed by the largest department store in town to its employees. Although prepared for the purpose of effecting a smooth business operation, it nevertheless contains some excellent principles for the effective functioning of a church. Below are some excerpts and comments chosen with reference to the general membership of the church:

1. **LOYALTY** — First of all we would like to instill a spirit of loyalty into the hearts of every person in our organization. Loyalty is the most valuable asset we can have.

Amen! This department store stresses first and foremost what many church members count as non-essential. In relation to the church, truly, loyalty is the most valuable asset we can have."

2. **GOOD MANNERS** — No one thing creates a better impression than good manners, and no better way exists for making friends for yourself and for the house than by the display of good manners.

Could this possibly be true in a church as well?

3. **COURTESY**—Patient consideration is of prime importance, it is a way into the hearts of those we serve and immediately creates good will.

This virtue should not be reserved solely for the use by department store clerks!

4. **NEATNESS**—Observe the rules of business decorum and neatness of dress and person.

We will not offend by conforming to the above rule — The same cannot be said if we do not.

5. **KNOWLEDGE OF STOCK** — Know your stock. Make it your business to know everything possible about it, so that you can talk intelligently to your customers.

Our "stock" is The Word of God. Know it in the head, stow it in the heart, show it in the life and sow it everywhere!

(The following excerpts are especially applicable to officers and teachers:)

6. Know every day what is being advertised throughout the store. Read our ads.

The staff of our Church and Sunday School should know about special days, programs, functions, etc. Make it your business to be informed and to inform others.

7. Know where every department in the store is located.

A periodic tour of our educational facilities would be enlightening.

8. Store opens at 9:30 a.m. for customers. Report to your department early enough to be ready to start work at 9:30 o'clock.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Report to your department no later than 9:30 a.m. and be ready to teach.

9. In case of absence notify our office immediately by phone or messenger.

The Sunday School Superintendents would say, "Please do!"

10. You are directly responsible to your department head.

That's good business procedure

11. You will immediately report to the office any change of name, address or telephone.

Good records can be maintained only if there is good cooperation. Every name, address and telephone is worth gold to us.

"BE NOT SLOTHFUL IN BUSINESS: FERVENT IN SPIRIT: SERVING THE LORD."

... J. Don Jennings

A Word

From Your Editor . . .

If this issue arrives a bit late, it is simply because we ran into a few problems here and there. One thing that happened was Mrs. Moffat falling and breaking several bones in her foot. As I write this, we are in Beckley, West Virginia where I am ministering at the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.

Lois is in bed with her leg in a cast. She has to wear the cast for at least six weeks. This will take us on into early December. Your most earnest prayers in our behalf would be greatly appreciated.

When we went to Cleveland for our OARBC Conference, we had only 2850 (approximately) subscribers to The Ohio Independent Baptist. However, by the end of the Conference, we passed the 3000 mark once again.

While at the conference we encouraged pastors to have their churches subscribe to "bundle lots" for their churches. If each church in our OARBC fellowship would order a bundle of 30 copies (this would cost \$30.00 for the year — an average of less than fifty-seven cents a week) . . . we would be printing more than 5000 copies of the O.I.B. a month. Some of our smaller churches would not have need of 30 copies . . . but some would be able to use many more. **WHY NOT SUGGEST THIS TO YOUR CHURCH — NOW?**

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Teen Talk

by Dave, Doug, and Don

Dear TEEN TALK:

My boy friend wears his hair so long it is embarrassing. I asked him to get it cut but he says he likes it that way, and gets mad if I say too much. I like him, but not his hair. What should I do?



But man! It's the style.

Dear "BROKE":

I think it would depend a great deal on how much the modern Christian young person did around the house. I know it sounds crazy, but if you pitched in, did your jobs, helped without being asked, say for about a month, you have laid ground to hit someone for a raise — you might check into a paper route for more cash also. You remind me of a fellow who once said, "That money talks I will agree. It always says good-bye to me."

Signed,
TEEN TALK

Wondering? Bewildered? Need Advice? Well . . . then . . . send your letters, questions and comments to TEEN TALK, 23096 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio — 44145.

Signed,
DELILAH, ALMOST!
Dear 'ALMOST':

Styles do change, and unfortunately the style today is for long hair. There always will be some who carry it to extremes and poor taste. I think the motive of your boy friend might be interesting. Is he trying to look tough, cool, sexy, or what? Is he a Christian? (you didn't say) It might be he wants to identify with the fast crowd, you know, give the appearance of free as a bird, rebel against societies patterns. If he is a Christian, appeal to him with the idea of identification. If he is not, the problem is not his, but yours.

Signed,
TEEN TALK

Dear TEEN TALK:

How much money do you think a modern Christian young person should get each week?

Signed,
MODERN and BROKE at 14

Work On Dundee Church Progressing



The work on the new church building for the Lakeview Baptist Church of Dundee is moving right along.

The building (32 x 96) is a frame building with brick veneer. It is heated electrically, fully insulated, has a panelled interior and is carpeted. The cost when complete will be \$23,000 which includes a new drive and parking lot. Property value including the new building will be approximately \$60,000.

Rev. Gene Solberg is now serving as pastor. This work is greatly assisted by the Bible Mission Baptist Church of Reynoldsburg.

Their present membership is 29 (12 households represented). Average attendance is about 55 to 60.

John Stormer At LaGrange Church

Recently the First Baptist Church of LaGrange, Ohio (Rev. Howard Andrus, Pastor) held a "GOD and COUNTRY" conference with Mr. John A. Stormer as guest speaker. During the last presidential campaign, Mr. Stormer wrote a record selling paperback book entitled — "None Dare Call It Treason." Over eight million copies were sold. This was previously unheard of in this field!

More recently, he has written still another paperback book which is entitled — "The Death of A Nation." It appears as though this book is headed for the same circulative success as his former one.

The meetings at the LaGrange church were very well attended. It became necessary to rent the Keystone High School gymnasium for the Saturday evening service.

Each evening Mr. Stormer not only dealt with the problems of communism but also clearly presented the message of the gospel.

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O.A.R.B.C. Youth Presents His Testimony

As Editor of The Ohio Independent Baptist, we welcome articles that have to do with the young people of our O.A.R.B.C. fellowship. We present here one sent us by Rev. Clarence Townsend of Minford, Ohio.

One of the outstanding young men of Grace Baptist Church, Minford, Ohio, and Minford High School is Rodney Niney. It has been my privilege not only to be his Pastor for the past three years, but also to be one of his teachers during his last year in High School. As Pastor and teacher I have found Rod of exceptional sensitivity and ability, and of the highest Christian character. Among his school accomplishments and/or activities, such as being president of his class for the past three years, serving as president of the National Honor Society chapter, and participating as

a member of the school track team, Rod was voted by the Minford High faculty as the outstanding senior of 1968. Rod has shared with me the following testimony and poem.

When asked to write a poem for English class, I wanted to write it about Someone I knew best — Jesus Christ. Of the seventeen years of my life, Christ has been my Saviour for ten. It is hard to describe the way He has been leading and directing my life. It is impossible to tell of the many blessings He has given me. He is the best Friend a fellow can have. If you haven't accepted Christ, you don't know what real living is.

Today's world is full of wars and riots, but Christ can give you something to live for. In life we will have heartaches and troubles, but Christ gives us reassurance in John 16:33: ". . . In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Christ will work many different ways in your life, but put all of your faith in Him. As Christians, look toward heaven and pray, 'Oh, God, Thy will be done.'

In the early hours of morning,
When sleep is hard to come,
I lie in bed just thinking
After a hard day's work is done.

Far out into another world,
I think of things to come;
What's to happen when life's door
is closed,
And death's the only one?

It matters not the treasures gained,
Or pleasures of this earth,
Only the souls we've won,
And if we have new birth.

Christ, the One who died for me
Upon the cruel cross,
Died that we might ransomed be,
And not a soul be lost.

Along streets of gold
I'll someday walk,
In a land that's bright and fair.
I'll be there for eternity,
After meeting Christ in the air.

In the early hours of the morning,
When sleep is hard to come,
I lie in bed, just praying,
"Oh, God, Thy will be done."

. . . by Rodney Niney

A Psalm and A Poem

by Ralph T. Nordlund

(Read Psalm XXIV in your Bible first)

The earth is the Lord's, and all its abundance,
The world and its people who over it dwell;
He laid its foundations down deep in the oceans,
And anchored it fast where the sea currents swell.

O who shall ascend to the Mount of Jehovah
And stand in the temple of holiness there?
The man with clean hands, the true and pure hearted,
For only such sanctified seekers would dare.

Lift up your proud heads, ye gates that exclude us,
Ye venerable doors forbidding and strong.
A king comes ascending in garments of glory,
While armies of angels break out into song.

Who is He, this Sovereign of glory, emboldened
To enter where only the holy may come?
Our Jesus-Jehovah, the mighty in battle,
Who now is returning triumphantly home!

Lift up then your doors, ye portals of Heaven,
Yea, lift them up high and welcome your Head:
Your King has ascended in resurrect glory,
And brings in His train the long captive dead.

The Twenty-fourth Psalm has been called the Ascension Psalm, celebrating the entrance of the risen Christ into heaven. It would seem from verses five and six, which we have purposely left out in our poem, that David was thinking of the difficulty and yet possibility through

grace of entering the tabernacle or coming temple and being accepted and blessed of God. So many in his day, as now, only entered with their feet, and to their condemnation rather than blessing. Only the coming Messiah, who would be none other than Jehovah come to earth to save his people, had the right to enter in his own right; and David looked forward to the Second Coming when Messiah would come with acclamation and enter the Gate Beautiful and claim a rebuilt temple as his own. What a glorious day that will be right here upon earth!

Yet in our poem we have followed the traditional view and made it an ascension hymn. While its meter might make it a bit difficult, we hope some good musician will set it to music and that it may some day be sung on Ascension Sunday. But whether that will ever be or not, we hope all who read will enter into the jubilant joy of the angels that day when our Jehovah-Jesus did enter heaven as the risen High Priest and took his place at the Father's right hand. And we hope our bold adoption of the title to Jesus Christ will challenge any who have in these days of apostasy toned down their views of the Saviour to find any other explanation of David's language. Jehovah in the First Person never left heaven and so could not come back. It can only be true of the Second Person of the Godhead, and that is Jesus, who is God-incarnate, crucified, and now risen!

NEWS from Cedarville College

The enrollment at Cedarville College of 863 for the fall quarter of 1968-1969 represents a 5% increase over last year's 822.

The hearts of students and faculty alike were greatly blessed during the College Fall Conference through the ministry of Dr. David Allen of Hazel Park, Michigan.

Homecoming proved a huge success! Alumni travelled from near and far to attend. There were many who said . . . "This was the best ever!"

Concerning the faculty, we report the following. . .

Mr. Edward E. Spencer, associate professor of English is at Kent State University on one year's leave of absence pursuing a doctorate in English.

Mr. Stanley N. Ballard, associate professor of psychology, is completing his doctoral program in psychology at North Texas State University and will return to Cedarville for the 1969-70 academic year.

Mr. Dennis A. Olson, assistant professor of physical education, is finishing his residence requirements at Indiana University and will be away from campus the first quarter of the the 1968-69 academic year. Mr. Olson is working toward a doctorate in physical education.

A number of new faculty have joined the Cedarville College family for the current year. A special welcome is extended to each one as they engage to aid the cause of Christian higher education Cedarville College style.

Miss Sharon Boylan will join the faculty as instructor in French. She graduated with a B.S. from Iowa State University in 1966 and received her French certificate from the University of Neuchatel in Switzerland this year.

Miss Irma Dodson comes with over 30 years experience as an elementary school teacher. Miss Dodson received her B.S. degree in elementary education in 1952 from Indiana State University. Her masters degree in the same field was attained from the same institution in 1964. She will become assistant professor of education.

Mr. Dwayne I. Frank is a 1960 alumnus of Cedarville College having received a bachelors degree in history. He graduated from Central State University with a B.S. degree in education in 1960 also. Mr. Frank was granted his M.S. degree in 1965 from the College of Idaho. He will join the secondary education faculty as an associate professor of education.

Another alumnus is *Mr. Ronald M. Grosh*, instructor in English, who received a B.A. degree from Cedarville in 1967. He since has earned a master of arts in teaching degree from Kent State University. Mr. Grosh will initiate shortly pursuit of a doctoral program at Ohio State University.

Mr. Lawrence N. Killian, assistant professor in science, graduated with a bachelors degree in 1964 from Cedarville College and achieved an additional bachelors degree in 1965 from Central State University. This year he was granted a M.S. degree from Syracuse University. Mr. Killian is the co-holder of several patents.

Mr. James R. Phipps received a bachelor of arts degree from Cedarville College last June and will begin a masters program at Ohio State University. Mr. Phipps majored in speech and English and was student manager of WCDR-FM. He joins the department of language and literature as a teaching fellow in radio and debate.

Mr. Randall Ross is the interim Cedarville College soccer coach and instructor in physical education. He graduated from Cedarville College in 1967 and has spent a year coaching and teaching science in the New Carlisle, Ohio school system. Mr. Ross was an all-conference soccer and

baseball player in his college career.

Dr. James T. Jeremiah, president of Cedarville College, received a master of arts in theology degree from the Winona Lake School of Theology August 23, 1968. Dr. Jeremiah's thesis topic was, "The Importance of Inspiration."

Dr. Jack R. Riggs, associate professor of Bible, was the featured speaker in June, 1968 at the Family Vacation Bible School conducted by the Grandview Park Baptist Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. Donald P. Baumann, professor of bacteriology and chemistry, attended the meeting of the Society for Cryobiology in Washington, D. C., August 4-7, 1968.

Mr. Paul H. Gathany, manager of WCDR-FM, will conduct a work week for radio students to complete the renovation of the studios and ready the station for a return to broadcasting about October 1st.

Dr. George L. Lawlor, professor of Greek and Bible, has authored three booklets now available through the Cedarville College bookstore. The second edition of "The Ecumenical Movement" is ready for distribution. His other works are "The Proper Attitude of Believers Toward Ecumenical Apostasy" and "The Holy Spirit's Warning Against Apostasy." Another booklet entitled, "The Great Personal Charge to Preachers in an Age of Ecumenical Apostasy" will be released early in 1969.

Mr. J. Roland Fleck, assistant professor of education, was one of 25 faculty members of Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium institutions who had opportunity to study and observe new techniques of instruction using computers at the Air Force Academy in Colorado, August 26-28.

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B.B.S. of Clark's Summit, Pa.

The Lord blessed marvelously at Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, during the summer, enabling all essential building and moving to be completed, including five new dormitories. Classes began on time on September 16, with 539 day students enrolled.

Six new faculty members were added to the teaching staff: Richard Horner in English; Frank McQuade and Orlan Wilhite in Missions; Marlin Rayburn, Speech; Leonard Vanderfeld, Christian education; and Robert Williams, Bible & Biblical Languages.

The sports schedule has been expanded on the new campus, with cross country added to soccer on the fall list. BBS has won its first cross country meet and three of its four soccer matches. All three soccer games were won over teams Seminary has never before defeated.

L.A.B.C. of Newhall, Calif.

The Los Angeles Baptist College and Seminary opened its fall semester with a total of 275 students. The freshman class in the college division now has 96 students.

Evangelist Tom Williams was on campus for a week of meetings September 23-27. The moving of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God was very evident.

On Wednesday, October 2, the entire student body met for a day of prayer. The men met at the Placerita Regular Baptist Church in Newhall, and the women met at the Berean Baptist Church in Northridge.

The College Christian Service program has been successfully inaugurated, with 250 students placed in area churches or on Gospel Teams.

The Athletic Gospel Team, under the direction of Coach Ronald L. Reese, and the Public Relations Team, under the direction of Rev. Acquistapace, have been holding meetings in southern California churches.

A new sound-colored slide presentation is available for church groups. It depicts life and times at Los Angeles Baptist College. If you would like this for your church group, contact the Public Relations Department of the College.

Reaching Truck Drivers for Christ



Here is something a bit different. It is a Mobile Chapter unit which is used to reach truck-drivers for Christ.

The Chapel is contained in a 40 ft. Trailmobile, drop-frame van, single axle, with 15 x 850 tires; height is 12' 6"; and a length of 31 ft. inside with a seating capacity for 40 persons.

A 220 volt output generator mounted in the rear of the Chapel supplies power for direct and indirect lighting, heating and air-conditioning. The in-

terior is beautiful! Pews are of light oak and the ceiling has laminated beams giving the full effect of a modern miniature chapel.

Its ministry extends from city to city throughout Canada and the United States.

Painted on the side of the truck is the verse — "Safety is of the Lord." (Proverbs 21:31) Consecrated men travel with the truck from one "truck terminal" to another . . . holding services, doing personal work, pointing men to Christ. God is richly blessing this ministry.

A Word from Chaplain Crabb

Your editor received a short letter from Chaplain Glenn E. Crabb who is now serving with Commander Destroyer Squadron Fourteen in our United States Navy. Brother Crabb previously served as pastor of the Kent Baptist Church.

The following article written by Brother Crabb appeared in the Mayport MIRROR which is the local Naval Station paper at his base. The article was well received and he has given us permission to run it in the pages of The Ohio Independent Baptist. It appeared in a column entitled — PARSON to PERSON.

ARE YOU A HUMAN AEROSOL?

by Chaplain Glen Crabb, DesRon 14

The other day I noticed this warning on one of a number of Aerosol — contained products which we regularly use: "CAUTION: Contents Under Pressure." It occurred to me that many of us might properly place the same label on ourselves for the protection of those who come in contact with us.

We live in an age of pressure. Tensions within build up pressures that are mental and emotional and they effect us physically. Constant deadlines, demands, solicitation and agitations from without multiply internal pressures. We are in danger of exploding!

"Use Only According to Directions!" is the recipe for Satisfaction For Aerosol products. If you are a "human aerosol" then these directions from your manufacturer ought to be observed most carefully. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:4-7.

Remember to pray for Chaplain Glen Crabb as he continues in the work to which the Lord has called him.

Help For THE SINCERE Among "Jehovah's Witnesses"

by Dr. Arthur F. Williams

Not all who quote Scripture in support of their theological tenets are sincerely desirous of knowing the truth of God. They have a preference for error. It is more in accord with their unregenerate "reasoning." They do not welcome citation of Scriptures which expose their false teaching. For such the Biblical evidence submitted in this tract will be of no value. But we are confident that there are some who have been led into error by trained propagandists who use the Scriptures deceitfully, yet with marked success, in their efforts to gain a following. It is for those who sincerely desire to know what God has been pleased to reveal for our good and for His glory that this tract has been prepared. We will first of all examine certain doctrines which "Jehovah's Witnesses" propagate, together with the Scriptures which they cite in support of their dogmas, and then we will let the Scriptures speak for themselves, both in exposing error and establishing the truth.

BASIC ERROR

THE BASIC ERROR OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES' is the substitution of human reason for divine revelation. They take delight in asking such questions as the following:

1. How can there be but **one** true God, and yet **three persons**, each one of whom is declared to be God?
2. How could Jesus Christ be God when the Scriptures tell us that He was the **Son** of God?
3. If Jesus had a body of flesh and bones after His resurrection, **how could He enter a room, the doors being shut?**
4. How could a God of love consign even the most degenerate to a burning Hell, when **even respectable humans would not impose such a penalty upon their foes?**
5. If there is such a place as "the Lake of Fire" where the wicked are tormented forever and ever, **how could their bodies survive such an unending ordeal?**

Such questions as these, and others like them, are asked by charlatans who exhibit an attitude of intellectual sophistication which completely overwhelms many church members, to say nothing of those who have no knowledge of the Word of God, and have made no profession of faith in its teaching.

It is the height of folly to attempt an answer to such questions solely on the basis of human reason. Herbert Spencer, an agnostic, once said, "Where the finite and infinite meet is bound to be shrouded in mystery." Our world is filled with mystery. How little we really understand even the most prevalent facts of human observation. How can sound waves carry the human voice over thousands of miles yet heard as if immediately present? How can light waves carry pictures in natural color over distances to be channeled into our homes? How can the tiny protoplasm which is formed in the process of procreation determine every detail of the developing anatomy, the position and function of each bone, artery, blood vessel, a respiratory system, a digestive system, a circulatory system, and a reproductive system, with all of their involved inter-relationships? Who can adequately explain the mystery of how one small seed develops into a pumpkin and another into a mighty oak? These are all facts of observation for which no one has **all** the answers. Should we then demand that the Eternal God limit truth in the spiritual realm to the compass of our finite comprehension? Do we insist upon rejecting whatever surpasses our understanding? This is the very essence of Rationalism.

A FALSE CHARGE

"Jehovah's Witnesses" insist that we believe in three Gods. This we emphatically deny. The Scriptures reveal the existence of but one true God. But with no less clarity do they reveal the existence of three personal distinctions within the one Godhead, and these personal distinctions are revealed in terms of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Yet the unity of the Godhead is so perfectly indissoluble that the Scriptures appropriately present each of these personal distinctions in terms of Deity. The Incarnation of God in human flesh, so wonderfully anticipated in the Scriptures of the Old Testament, is declared to be a "mystery." "Jehovah's Witnesses" appeal to various translations in their attempts to deny the true Deity of Jesus Christ. Yet even the **NEW WORLD TRANSLATION**, which to them represents the very epitome of scholarship, renders I Timothy 3:14-16 as follows:

"I am writing you these things, though I am hoping to come to you shortly, but in case I am delayed, that you may know how

you ought to conduct yourself in **God's** household, which is the congregation of **the living God**, a pillar and support of the truth. Indeed, **the sacred secret** of this godly devotion is **admittedly great**: He was manifest in flesh, was declared righteous in spirit, appeared to angels, preached about among nations, was believed upon in the world, was received up in glory."

It ought not to be difficult to identify this One who was manifest in the flesh, for the grammatical antecedent of "He" is unmistakably "God." How the Eternal God, who is infinite and fills all space, so that He is everywhere present, could become incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary, be born in a cattle manger and die on a cruel cross, is truly a "sacred secret" which is "admittedly great." Yet who but an infidel would deny that the Bible teaches that God was manifest in the flesh in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord. No man has seen God at any time except in the person of Jesus Christ (John 1:18).

But let us examine this doctrine as objectively as we are capable. Did not Jesus Christ say, "My Father is greater than I" (John 14:28)? Did He not say, "I am the **Son** of God" (Matthew 27:43)? Is not a father older than his son? Then must not Jesus Christ have been a creature of time and have had a beginning? Do not the Scriptures tell us that He was "the beginning of the creation of God" (Revelation 3:14)? On the surface these questions seem to be unanswerable, and they are asked with challenging effectiveness of those with limited knowledge of God's Word.

"Jehovah's Witnesses" tell us that Jesus Christ is the first **Creature** that God ever made, and they offer as supporting evidence the language of Colossians 1:15 and Revelation 3:14. Suspicion as to their motives is obscured by their admission that Jesus Christ was the Creator of all things, a fact which could with difficulty be denied in the light of such clear statements as are found in John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16-17.

In Colossians 1:15 we read that Jesus Christ was "**the firstborn** of all creation." And in Revelation 3:14 He declares Himself to be "**the beginning** of the creation of God." These passages are cited as proof that Jesus Christ was a created Being. But let us examine the meaning of these words to which so much significance is attached.

The term "first-born" does usually refer to the first child (especially the first male child) born to human parents, but this is not always the case, as is seen from such a passage as Exodus 4:22, where we read, "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even **my first-born**." Who is prepared to suggest that Israel, either the man who was the son of Isaac, or the nation which issued from his loins, were the first creatures God ever made? Again, let us look at Jeremiah 31:9, which reads, "... for I am a father to Israel, and **Ephraim is my first-born**." How absurd would it be to suggest that Ephraim, the second son of Joseph (Genesis 41:52) was the first creature God ever made. The term "first-born" as used in Exodus 4:22, Jeremiah 31:9 and Colossians 1:15 has no reference whatsoever to the question of origin. The term speaks explicitly of **position**. God has given to His Son Jesus Christ the position of "preeminence" over all creation (Colossians 1:18).

But someone will say, What about the language of Revelation 3:14? Is not Jesus Christ "the faithful and true witness, **the beginning of the creation of God?**" This passage is cited as "proof" that Jesus Christ was the first "creature" that God ever made. But let us examine this passage also, and that in an attitude of honesty. The word "beginning" is a translation of the Greek word *Arche*. It is used in the sense of "chief" in various applications of order, time, place or rank. In Luke 20:20 the word is translated "... to deliver Him up to **the power** and to the authority of the governor." In Luke 12:11 the word occurs in the plural, and is translated "But when they bring you before the synagogues and **the rulers** and the authorities. ..." In Revelation 22:13 it is used of "The Alpha and Omega, the **beginning** and the ending, the first and the last." According to Revelation 1:8 the Alpha and Omega is none other than "**The Almighty**." Did He too have a beginning? How absurd! Revelation 3:14 states in unquestionable terms that "the faithful and true Witness" who is clearly identified in Revelation 1:5 as "the first begotten from the dead" is **the ruler** of all creation. Colossians 1:15-17 informs us that creation owes its existence to Jesus Christ;

that He is before all things, and that by Him all things consist, or hold together!

But is not Jesus Christ the Son of God? This He declared Himself to be (Matthew 27:43). In human relations all fathers are antecedent to their sons. On the basis of human reason God the Father must be older than His Son. It seems utterly incredible to the rationalist that Jesus Christ the Son of God could be co-eternal with God the Father. The statement, "This day have I begotten thee" occurs first in Psalm 2:7. This passage is quoted by the Apostle Paul in Acts 13:33 and is applied with reference to Christ's resurrection from the dead. And this accords perfectly with what we read in Revelation 1:5, "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead." It appears again in Hebrews 5:5, and in a similar context. The risen Christ was made to be an High Priest after the order of Melchisedek only after He was risen from the dead. It was at that point in time that He began His High Priestly ministry. In Psalm 89:27 we read, "And I will make Him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth." God has given to His Son a position of preeminence over all of the kings of the earth. In Revelation 19:16 He is called "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." The eternality of Jesus Christ is clearly stated in Isaiah 5:2, "His goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." From all eternity He has sustained the relationship of a Son to the Father. There never was a point in time when He became such.

"MY FATHER IS GREATER THAN I" (John 14:27)

(For a perfect illustration of what this means see Gen. 41:40). What did Jesus mean by these words? Did He mean to indicate that He was less than God? Do these words conflict with His statement in John 10:30, "I and My Father are one" or with His statement to Philip in John 14:9, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"

It is our conviction that the Scriptures are the embodiment of truth (John 17:17). If the Word of God is truth in its entirety, it must be harmonious in all its parts. This fact becomes evident when each passage is examined in the light of its Biblical context; in the light of all truth divinely revealed. The words of our Lord, "My Father is greater than I" must be understood in the light of other Scriptures which throw light upon them. In Philippians 2:5-9 we read the steps of condescension which our Saviour took in order to redeem lost sinners. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God; that He thought it not something to be retained, but made Himself of no reputation, even taking upon Himself the form of a servant! In other words, He condescended to a position in which His Father was greater than He. A king may not be greater in person than many of his subjects, but his position is greater than they. The words of our Lord, "My Father is greater than I" have absolutely no reference to His Person, but to His position as the Son of Man. This fact must be understood when we read I Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus."

Jesus Christ is the God-Man! As Man, He became weary and sat by the well (John 4:6); was thirsty, and asked for a drink of water (John 4:7); was hungry (Matthew 21:18); wept (John 11:35); experienced sorrow (Matthew 26:38); submitted to mocking, scourging, even crucifixion at the hands of wicked men! But as God He offered rest to the weary (Matthew 11:28); the water of Life to the thirsty (John 4:10-14); the Bread of Life to the hungry (John 6:48-58). The winds and the waves obeyed His voice (Luke 8:25). Demons surrendered to His command (Luke 4:31-36). The dead responded to His word (John 11:43-44). In becoming incarnate in a human body our Lord never laid aside His Deity; only His glory (John 17:5). He came to do His Father's will (Hebrews 10:4-7); (Luke 22:42), but let us never forget that "in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9)!

To Jesus Christ have been given titles belonging exclusively to deity. Let us examine five such titles found in Isaiah 43:10-15. Jehovah is speaking, and He says there is no other God than He (verse 10) and reiterated in Isaiah 45:5, 21. But in the New Testament Jesus Christ is called God repeatedly. In Matthew 1:23 the Greek text reads, "... and they shall call His Name Immanuel, which, being interpreted is, The God with us." In John 1:1 the Greek text reads, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and God was the Word." In John 20:28 Thomas addressed Jesus Christ with a title which our Saviour would have corrected if not true, "My Lord, and My God." In II Corinthians 1:19 we read that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." In Colossians 2:9 we read that in Christ "dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." In Titus 3:4 we read, "But after the kindness and love of God, our Saviour, toward man appeared." In I John 5:20 Jesus Christ is referred to as "the true God, and eternal life." In Jude 25 He is referred to as "the only wise God, our Saviour." Common honesty will admit that Jesus Christ is called God, not once, but repeatedly. It should be evident that He is the One whose incarnation is called a mystery. "He (God) was manifest in the flesh" (I Timothy 3:16).

He was the visible manifestation of the Invisible God (John 1:18; John 14:9).

Returning to Isaiah 43 we read in verse, 11, "I, even I, am Jehovah, and beside Me there is no Saviour." So also in Isaiah 45:21b, "And there is no God else beside Me, a just God and a Saviour; There is none beside Me." It should be apparent to any honest reader of God's Word that either Jesus Christ is Jehovah Incarnate, or He could not be the Saviour. Yet in Matthew 1:21 we read that His name was to be called "Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." In Luke 2:10-11 the angel of the Lord calmed the fears of the shepherds with these words, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." In Acts 4:12 we read, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." In Acts 16:31 the Apostle Paul told the Philippian jailor, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Either Jesus Christ is Jehovah, or He cannot be the Saviour, for Jehovah says there is none beside Him.

In Isaiah 43:14 we read, "This saith Jehovah, Your Redeemer." The Patriarch Job anticipated the time when the Redeemer would become incarnate and visible to his eyes. See Job 19:25-27. In Luke 1:68 we read the testimony of Zacharias was speaking of the babe Jesus when he said, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people." In Luke 2:38 the prophetess Anna "spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem." The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 1:7 that it is in Christ that we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." The Apostle Peter tells us that we were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ . . ." (I Peter 1:18-21). And in the Revelation the consistent testimony of the redeemed is that it was by the blood of the Lamb. See Revelation 5:9; 14:4. Jehovah-God incarnate is the world's only Redeemer.

In Isaiah 43:14 Jehovah declares Himself to be your "Holy One, the creator of Israel." This is another of these titles which belong exclusively to Deity. In Psalm 16:10 we read, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in sheol, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." That this passage is prophetic of Christ is crystal clear from Acts 2:22-31 and from Acts 13:33-37.

In Isaiah 43:15 Jehovah declares Himself to be Israel's King. This truth is stated again in Zechariah 14:9. But in Zechariah 9:9 this "King" is seen riding into Jerusalem upon an ass, and as the bringer of Salvation. The Holy Spirit led Matthew to apply this prophecy to Jesus Christ (Matthew 21:4,5). And in Revelation 19:16 Jesus Christ is exalted as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

From the above cited Scriptures it should be evident to any honest student of God's Word that Jesus of the New Testament is the Jehovah of the Old who declared Himself to be God, Saviour, Redeemer, Holy One, and King.

It is worthy of note, too, that Jesus Christ claimed three prerogatives which belong exclusively to Deity: (1) possessing authority to forgive sins (Luke 5:20-21); (2) raising the dead (John 5:25-29); (3) and judgment of this world (John 5:22-27; Acts 17:30-31).

Not only so, but He accepted worship which belongs exclusively to Deity. See Matthew 4:9-10. Then read Matthew 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9. Even the angels are commanded to worship Him (Hebrews 1:6). No mortal can with Him compare among the sons of men; fairer is He than all the fair who fill the heavenly train.

Before concluding this subject let us look at the Book of the Revelation. In chapter 1:8 we read these words, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, who is and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Who is prepared to question the fact that whoever is speaking is the eternal and Almighty God? In verse 11 John hears the voice of this Almighty One, saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, and what thou seest, write in a book . . ." In verse 12 John says, "And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me." Then John proceeds to describe this One who identified Himself as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, the Almighty. This description is recorded in verses 12-16. And then in verse 17 John tells us the effect of this unveiling, "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last. I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of hades and of death."

Who is this One who declares that He is the Almighty, yet informs us that He was dead, but is now alive for evermore? It would seem that comment here is superfluous. The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, the Almighty, is none other than Jesus Christ who is, and was, and who is to come — the eternally existent One, who died, and rose again, and is alive for evermore.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. George Milner — Women's Editor—

LADIES — *Just a reminder that we are looking for articles, reports, suggestions, recipes, etc. of interest to women and your organizations, such as Missionary Fellowships within our state, Missionary Societies and Sunday School Classes as well as Workshops in your churches. Recipes (not too lengthy and detailed) are a great favorite. This is your page, for and about you.*

Thanksgiving—

—"Thanksgiving!"

Often perhaps, we have the idea that the time for resolutions is January 1st, and so we make our New Year's resolutions — that's it!! How long does that resolution last? These "do's and don'ts" usually cannot be kept except by the power of God. It is not wrong to break a resolution if we discover it was a wrong one, for, "a bad promise is better broken than kept." Another saying is, "habit is a cable, we weave a thread of it each day until at last we cannot break it." The Lord must be guiding us always.

During the month of November is also a time for new resolutions, new commitments. At this time of thanksgiving it is good to ask the Lord to search our hearts. Are we doing our best for Him? Are we grateful for His enablement, His blessings? Are we giving our best, our all to Him? Some folk have been led to consider God's needs for finances! For what, for whom? Doesn't He own the cattle on a thousand hills, the silver, the gold, yes everything? Yes, but we do not act like He owned it. "What I have is mine and what's mine is my own" is our attitude, is it not?

Let's prove the Lord, let's make it "Prove Me" month!!! If we have never really practiced tithing, let us start this month by giving ten percent of our income before any deductions are made, if we are a real tither let's double or triple our tithe to the Lord. Put God to the test! He knows our expenses, our commitments. He will have to help us make the 90%, 80%, 70% reach, for He also tells us in His Word to "owe no man anything, but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." He

does challenge us to prove Him!

It is a glorious experience to emerge from the prayer closet, from the family altar, with the peace of God in your heart . . . knowing you are in partnership with God. It is good knowing He has promised to supply all your need (not necessarily your wants or desires) . . . knowing that "no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11b) Many believers have proven Him to be sufficient!

Will Thanksgiving Day be a day of praise and testimony? Will you dare to trust Him with this commitment in December, in January and on and on? Yes, we trust, with His blessing.

Berean W.M.F.

The Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship gathered for their Fall Rally in the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland Heights — Thursday, September 19 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Walter Haller, President, presided. Mrs. Paul Fetzner was the song leader for the day with Mrs. Roger Buettell at the piano. Mrs. Haller opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Winston Boyes, president of the local Women's Missionary Society extended a warm welcome which was followed by the singing of another song.

The business session opened with our president telling us the results of our Spring Rally at which time a shower had been given for Camp Shalom Lake. Also, the purchase of sports equipment for the Camp had been cared for with the offering received. Our primary project now is the stainless steel stove at the Camp. Mrs. Roy Hendershot gave a glowing account of the blessing the stove has been during the camping season. It must now be paid for by the Berean Fellowship.

The offering received during the day was \$132.00. A personal gift had already been sent to Baptist Mid-Missions office for the stove. The attendance was approximately 8 ladies, as well as a good group of children who were cared for in the nursery.

A Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Powell, and Mrs. Crosby. Constitution amendment was read changing the Rally dates from the third Tuesday to the third Thursday in the Months of March and September.

The business session adjourned with Mrs. Fetzner singing a solo. Mr. Earl Umbaugh gave an excellent message on the theme — "She hath done what she could." (Mark 14:8) She then took charge of a Panel consisting of pastor's wives. These were Mrs. Hendershot, Mrs. Hussey, Mrs. Rooke, Mrs. Couch, Mrs. O'Keefe, Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Lynn Rogers. Pertinent questions had previously been presented and each lady spoke to one question with Mrs. Umbaugh presenting some final remarks. It all was very good!

Mrs. Luella White took charge of "Missionary Moments." Participating missionaries were Miss Brouille, Miss Moose, Mrs. Jeunnette, Mrs. Street, Miss Fox, Mrs. Stanton, Miss Jenkins, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Crotts, Miss Dunn and Miss McIver. These all are serving the Lord under Baptist Mid-Missions.

The noon luncheon was served by the ladies of the host church. Each lady brought her own sandwich.

The afternoon session convened at 1:00 p.m. with an opening hymn. Mrs. Fred Andrews led in prayer. Mrs. Stocker and Mrs. Retteger sang a duet entitled — "Bleeding Hand of Jesus."

Missionary speaker was Miss Martha Dunn of Euclid-Nottingham Church. Miss Dunn served in Brazil for two years teaching the children of missionaries. She has also taught for one year at Cedarville College. She is now looking forward to returning to Brazil to engage in full-time missionary service. She serves under Baptist Mid-Missions. Her personal testimony and missionary challenges were most unique. This session closed with the singing of the hymn — "Make Me A Channel of Blessing."

The Cedar Hill Ladies Society was presented the Attendance Honor Banner for having the most present. The day which was rich in blessing was closed in prayer. WHO WILL GAIN THE BANNER IN MARCH

Important Dates for The Ladies

North Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship Meeting, November 7th. Check for time & place.

Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship, March 20 and September 3, 1969.

Ohio Women's Missionary Union Spring Rally, April 15th, 1969.

Favorite Recipe

BLUEBERRY PUDDING

1 pt. blueberries
1 cup water
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Tbsp. butter
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Cook blueberries and water to boiling. Lower heat and simmer uncovered for five minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Serve warm. (Four servings)

(A \$5.00 Favorite Recipe clipped from the Chicago Tribune, sent in by Mrs. A. H. Reed, Jr.)

State W.M.U. Elects Officers

At their election of officers, the Women's Missionary Union of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches voted to retain the same officers they had this past year.

These are . . .

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Coshocton Church Holds Conference

The Calvary Baptist Church of Coshocton recently held a Bible Conference. Pastor and people were greatly blessed through the ministry of the Word. Guest teacher for the conference was Rev. Glen Davis of the Clintonville Baptist Church in Columbus. Brother John Lawhead, pastor of the Coshocton Church writes . . . "I can recommend him (Brother Davis) as one of the best Bible teachers in our Fellowship."

These To Speak In Ohio Churches

Dr. R. L. Matthews, Field Representative of our GARBC will be speaking at the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ohio — November 10 through 13.

Dr. Robert T. Ketcham will be ministering at the Fostoria Baptist Church, Fostoria, Ohio — November 11 through 13.

New Church In Dayton

The newly organized and recognized Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio holds its services each Sunday in the auditorium of the Dayton Y.W.C.A.

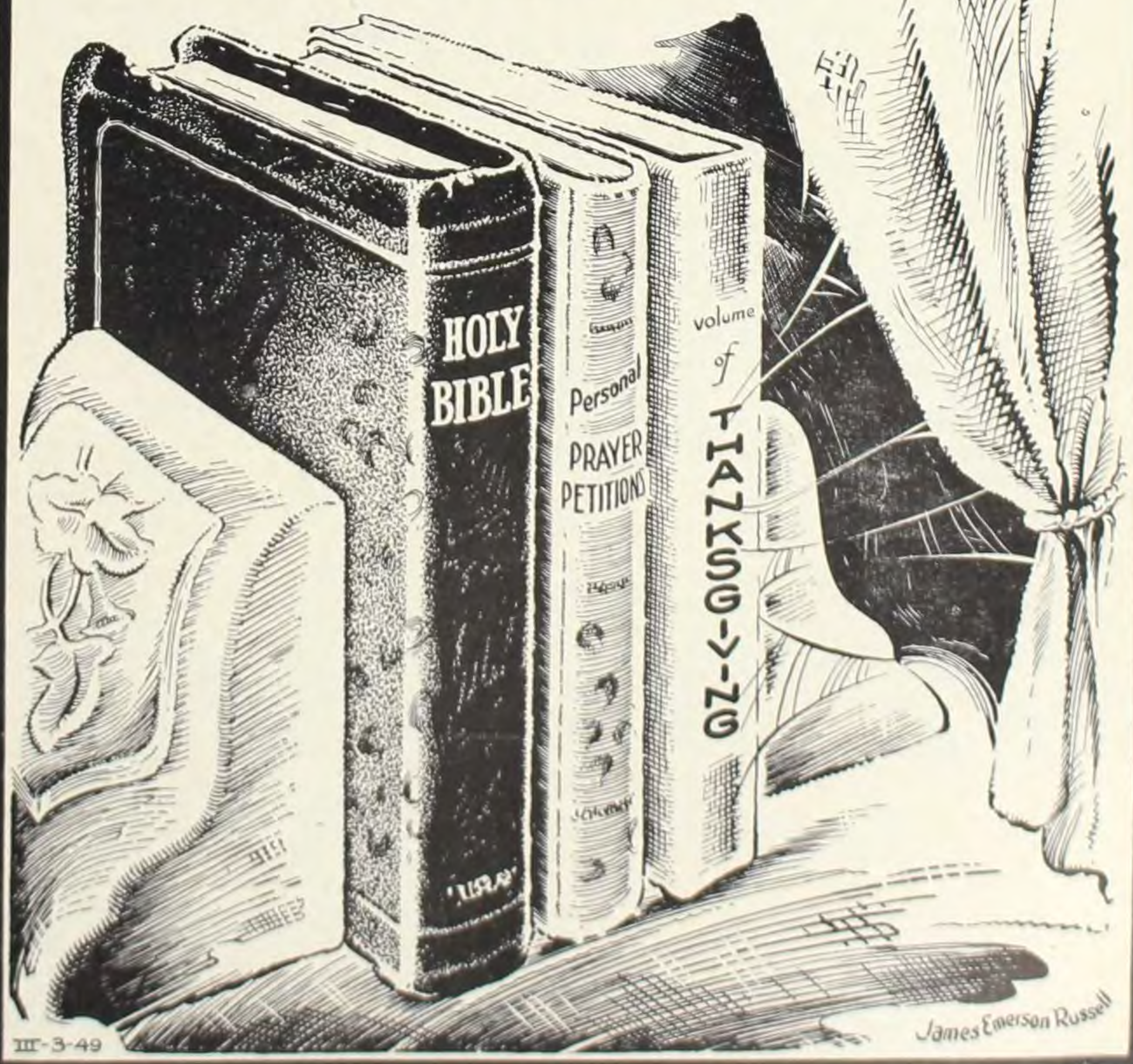
Rev. Ralph Gale, Professor of History, Cedarville College is presently serving as Interim Pastor. This group has a membership of approximately 40. Their weekly attendance runs between 50 and 60.

It is the desire of these folk to eventually associate with the OARBC and the GARBC.

Their first offering of each month (over and above expenses) is given to the work of Jewish Evangelism. They desire to reach Jews . . . hoping to eventually establish their church in a Jewish community. They are praying that they might attract a pastor who is burdened for this type ministry. Already they have one who is a "Jewess" in their membership and are asking the Lord for many more.

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Who is this man? He is legion. He may be you in a few years . . . or weeks . . . or even hours. You may be able to say, *"Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry."* (Luke 12:19) But God has the final word and he may answer, *"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."* (Luke 12:20) Concerned? Want to be prepared? *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!"* (Acts 16:31).

Awarded Medal For Bravery

In the JUNE-JULY issue of the Ohio Independent Baptist an article was run which was entitled — THE MILITARY PASTOR. It was written by Chaplain Capt. Cecil D. Lewis. The article was well received.

Brother Lewis has just completed his tour of duty (well over a year in the Republic of Viet Nam.) Accompanying his article was a note concerning his having received a citation for heroism. Since then, he has been awarded THE AIR MEDAL.

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The annual sessions of the Candidate School of The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions was conducted in Elyria, Ohio during the first two weeks of September. Twenty-six candidates attended the school from various parts of the country.

Sessions were conducted in the First Baptist Church of Elyria during the day, and in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Lorain during the evening. A special recognition service was held at the Trinity Baptist Church of Lorain, and the annual banquet took the school to a local restaurant.

The Mission's annual meeting immediately follows the candidate school and was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Bay City, Michigan, of which Rev. Donald Olsen is the pastor.

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Book Reviews

by Harold R. Bice

A HEBREW CHRISTIAN LOOKS AT ROMANS (by Sanford C. Mills, Durham Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1968; 942 pages, \$7.95)

As a Hebrew Christian, the author draws upon his own background, experience and knowledge to cause the truths of this marvelous and most important Epistle to be unfolded and revealed in a refreshingly unique manner. The understanding of pastors, students and laymen alike will be greatly enhanced as a result of reading what Dr. Mills has to offer concerning the "absolute Lordship of Christ and the sovereignty of God." It should be noted that Sanford C. Mills is the Senior Field Evangelist for the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.

COMFORT (by Carl E. Elgena, D.D.; Published by Bethel Baptist Church, 1704 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill, N. J.; 23 pages — .35c per copy or .22c per copy in lots of 25 or more to pastors and churches.)

The simple title explains the purpose and intent of this adequate booklet. Presenting appropriate Scripture portions and comments, the author offers those much-needed words of COMFORT to help individuals and families in those days of disappointment, those hours of despair and those moments of distress. This is ideal for pastors to use

as a presentation to relatives following funeral services.

ELIJAH, PROPHET OF GOD (by Leon J. Wood, Ph.D.; Regular Baptist Press, 1800 Oakton Blvd., Des Plaines, Illinois; 158 pages, \$2.95)

A new regard for the person and work of the Prophet Elijah can not help but be the result of the reading of this masterful presentation. Throughout its pages, though presenting Elijah, the reader is caused to glorify the God whose plan, program and providence is seen being accomplished through his servant. This fresh and exciting approach reveals the author's keen insight into the accounts which are usually taken for granted. The highlight of the book is the fact that Dr. Wood uses the Scriptural accounts of Elijah's life as basis of application to the various areas of Christian living today.

THE DOCTRINE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHURCH (by Paul R. Jackson, D.D.; Regular Baptist Press, 1800 Oakton Blvd., Des Plaines, Illinois, 1968; 210 pages — \$3.95)

Again, the title of this excellent work is self-explanatory. In a very precise, understandable and interesting manner, Dr. Jackson herein deals with every vital facet of necessary information relating to a Local New Testament Baptist Church. A copy of this book should be in the hands (and library) of every pastor and board member. An adequate answer to many of the problems confronting our churches today is to be found in this book, along with a Scriptural precedent and principle as its basis.

CONTINUOUS EVANGELISM (by Lee C. Turner; Regular Baptist Press, 1800 Oakton Blvd., Des Plaines, Illinois, 1968 — 63 pages, \$1.00)

Why is it that we are not realizing the depth of unwavering dedication to the Lord, and the unaltered loyalty to the local church that we desire to

see in new converts today? This question, often asked by pastors and church members, as well as an answer to it is dealt with by the Rev. Turner. The thrust of the contents, however, is not simply to ask and answer the question, but in a very methodic way the author offers a Christ exalting solution to the matter. If studied and applied it can revitalize the total program and prospect for any church.

VITALIZING YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITATION (by Fred M. Barlow; Regular Baptist Press, 1800 Oakton Blvd., Des Plaines, Illinois, 1968 — 109 pages — \$1.50)

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Let us now turn to Revelation 22:13-16 for a further word of confirmation. In verse 13 we read, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last . . . I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Could anything be plainer than that Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, the Almighty?

He is the One of whom Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace."

Oh, come, let us adore Him! Let us give unto Him the glory which is due unto His Name. The significance of what happened

at Calvary depends entirely upon the unmistakable identity of the One who suffered there. If He was just a creature, we may admire Him for His willingness to suffer, but He would be a finite creature; hence, unable to make a sacrifice which would have infinite value. But if God was in Christ, then the words of Paul in Acts 20:28 reveal the identity of the Sufferer and also the value of His sacrifice. "Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He (God) hath purchased with His own blood."

In this study we have dealt with only one area of theology in which the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" are in gravest error, but if this study has helped some to see the truth concerning the Person of Christ, it may be that they will welcome help in other areas in which the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" have handled the Word of God deceitfully. But unless the Holy Spirit opens blind eyes, they remain in darkness. "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

Glimpses of Truth
from the
Greek New Testament
by Dr. George Lawlor

"PRECIOUS"

In I Peter 2:4, 6, the Lord is twice particularly characterized as "precious." In both verses the figure of a stone is applied to Christ from an Old Testament background. In 2:4, He is "living stone, disallowed of men . . . precious" (Psm. --8:22); and in 2:6, He is "chief corner stone . . . precious" (Isa. 28:16). The word rendered in the KJV "precious" is the Greek *entimon*, *en*: "in", and *timei*: "honor," hence "held in honor." This is the word used in Luke 7:2, of the centurion's feeling toward his slave: "dear unto him." The word "dear" is *entimos*, and denotes the fact that the centurion counted the slave as being "precious" to him. A papyrus dated 2 A.D. contains the record of a special certificate being granted to a retired soldier who had served in the army for 26 years, and was discharged "with most honorable release" (*enteimo apolusse*). The Apostle Paul uses this term when he writes of Epaphroditus, and admonished the Philippians in Phil. 2:29 to receive and hold him "in reputation" (*entimos*).

The word *timei* (honor, price), without the preposition *en* (in), occurs frequently in both early Greek and the New Testament. For example, an early account describes the preparations being made in a certain community for the visit of a Roman senator who is characterized as "holding a position of highest honor" (*timei*). An inscription dated 9 B.C. states that things have been so arranged according to the divine will "that there may be opportunity of paying high honor (*timei*) to the Emperor Augustus." A papyrus of 3 B.C. has the record of oil being sold "at a much higher price (*timeis*)

than fixed in the royal decree." This is the same word used by the Apostle Paul in I Cor. 6:20, "For ye have been bought with a price" (*timeis*), i.e. a very great price: the blood of God's Son. It occurs again in Heb. 2:9 where the writer points to the Lord Jesus Christ having first been made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of atoning death, and then raised from the dead and "crowned with glory and honor" (*timei*). John has the word twice in Rev. 4:9, 11 — describing the "honor" (*timein*) given to the Lord on His throne (vs. 9); and the veneration and supreme worth ascribed to Him, "Thou art worthy O Lord, to receive glory and honor (*timein*) and power . . ." (vs. 11).

What does all this mean? What precisely do we gather from these varied uses of the word *entimos* and its companion *timei*? Is there some particular point, some special sense, that should be impressed upon our minds, and unforgettably laid to heart? Just what does the Holy Spirit of God intend that we shall learn here?

One thing is perfectly clear. The proper evaluation of the Lord Jesus Christ will hold Him in highest honor. The correct appraisal of the Son of God must assign to Him the place of supreme and total honor. Every true estimate of Jesus Christ will consent to the full claims of Holy Scripture concerning His person, and will grant His absolute pre-eminence without hesitation. This simple Greek word refutes every erroneous view of Christ, demonstrates the utter falsity of the Neo-liberal claims that He is not

what He attests Himself to be, and confutes all the devious arguments and opinions of the ecumenical apostates as to the person, perfection, position, and power of our Lord Jesus Christ. It exposes untruth and unbelief, and lays open the real character of the religious charlatans who deny the doctrine of Christ.

Moreover, it reminds us that He is the Head of the Church — so then, He is the Head of every believer. It sets squarely before us the great practical purpose of this Headship: i.e. that for each one of us He might be in all things Himself first and foremost before all else. Does He hold this place of highest honor in your life? What evaluation have you given to Him? How recently and how thoroughly have you subjected yourself to personal appraisal with the rightful position of Christ, the highest honor of Christ, in mind?

There is something else. The related word *timei* also occurs in I Peter 2:7, where the KJV reads: Unto you therefore which believe He is precious." According to this rendering, we are to understand that to true believers our blessed Lord must be held in the highest honor. However, a more correct reading of the clause is: "To you therefore, to the ones believing, is the honor" (*timei*). Here is a most remarkable truth which should stir us to a far greater realization of the marvel of God's grace and goodness. All the honor with which God the Father honors the Son, Jesus Christ, devolves on those believing in Christ. Joined to Christ as believers, by sharing His life, we also share the honor and esteem which are His. Despised and ridiculed as we may be because we are true Christians in this corrupt generation, we need never be ashamed — for the honor of the Son of God is our honor, the honor of indissoluble, everlasting union with Him. Precious! Honor indeed! Where will one find anything to equal this, in all the annals of men?

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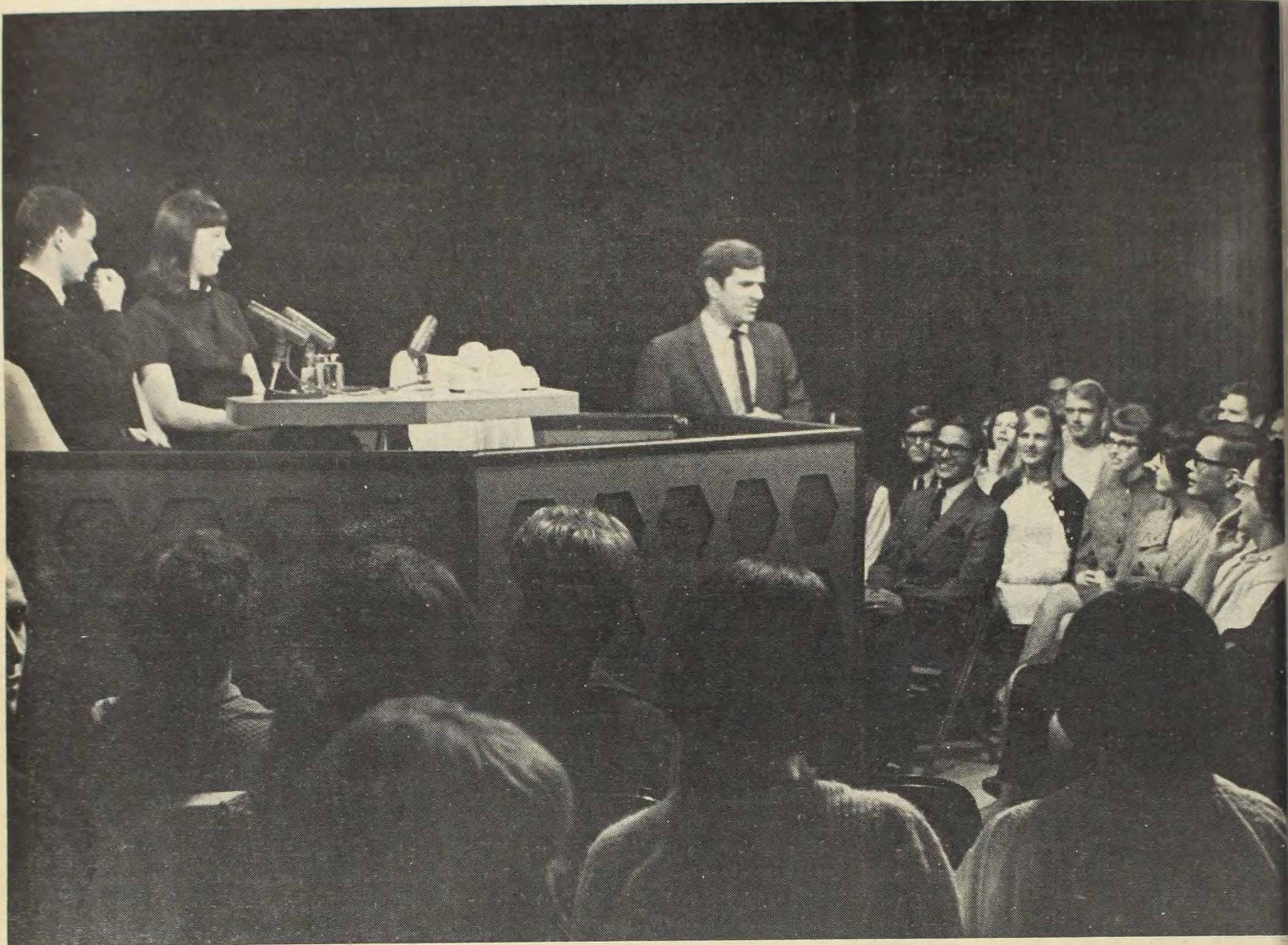
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